Hampshire County-By-County Breakdown Shows the Harm of Not Extending Unemployment Insurance

825 in New Hampshire set to lose coverage statewide

If Congress fails to extend the federal Emergency Unemployment Compensation program more than 800 people in New Hampshire will lose their insurance coverage immediately on Dec. 28. An additional 3,900 people in New Hampshire will lose their coverage in the first six months of 2014 if Republicans continue to block an extension of the program.

Federal unemployment insurance took effect in 2008 and has been reauthorized several times since as Americans continue to recover from the worst economic downturn since the Great Depression. Despite the real progress the economy has made since its near collapse in 2008, there are still 1.3 million fewer jobs than there were before the recession began and long-term unemployment as a percentage of the unemployed is 37 percent, near historic highs.

Failure to extend federal unemployment insurance would also hurt job growth throughout the nation, costing the economy 240,000 jobs, according to the White House Council of Economic Advisers. The CEA estimates that in New Hampshire alone, failing to extend the program will cost 225 jobs.

New Hampshire	EUC Claimants
County	
Belknap	43
Carroll	21
Cheshire	30
Coos	21
Grafton	27
Hillsborough	318
Merrimack	107
Rockingham	168
Strafford	69
Sullivan	21
Total in NH	825
Filing from out of NH	
but against NH	179
Grand Total	1004